

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for providing a distributed software application, comprising:

a server comprising a stored electronic ~~main~~-page, wherein the ~~main~~-page comprises a first browser component configured to display a first electronic page and a second browser component configured to display a second electronic page within the stored electronic main-page;

a client computer comprising a browser program configured to establish a communication link with the server, download said first and second electronic pages, and display the stored electronic ~~main~~-page, wherein said first browser component is active and displays said first electronic page to a user, and said second browser component is inactive and does not display said second electronic page to the user; and

at least one software control on the stored electronic main-page for selecting between said first browser component and said second browser component, wherein selecting said first browser component results in said first electronic page being displayed to the user and said second electronic page becoming hidden from said user and wherein selecting said second browser component results in said second electronic page being displayed to the user and said first electronic page becoming hidden from said user.

2. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the stored electronic main page is written in the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

3. (previously presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second browser components comprise the Microsoft HTML parsing and rendering engine.

4. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the browser program is the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser program.

5. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the software control is an Active X control.

6. (original) The system of Claim 5, wherein the Active X control is a command button control.

7. (previously presented) The system of Claim 5, wherein the Active X control appears as a tab within the browser program, and wherein the electronic main page displays a

first tab associated with the first browser component and a second tab associated with the second browser component.

8. (original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the software control is configured to store variable data to the client computer.

9. (previously presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein the first and second browser components are part of a single software control.

10. (currently amended) A method of processing information using a computer network, comprising:

downloading an electronic ~~main~~-page from a server computer to a client computer, wherein the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page comprises a first browser component configured to display a first electronic page and a second browser component configured to display a second electronic page within the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page;

providing at least one software control on the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page for selecting between said first and second browser components;

downloading said first electronic page and said second electronic page to said client computer; and

displaying the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page, wherein said first browser component is active and displays said first electronic page, and said second browser component is inactive and does not display said second electronic page, and wherein activation of the software control results said second browser component becoming active and displaying said second electronic page.

11. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page is written in the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

12. (previously presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the first and second browser components comprise the Microsoft HTML parsing and rendering engine.

13. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the browser program is the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser program.

14. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the software control is an Active X control.

15. (original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the Active X control is a command button control.

16. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the Active X control appears as a tab within the browser program, and wherein the downloaded electronic ~~main~~-page displays a first tab associated with the first browser component and a second tab associated with the second browser component.

17. (original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the software control stores variable data to the client computer.

18. (previously presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the first and second browser components are part of a single software control.

19. (currently amended) An electronic ~~main~~-page configured to display a plurality of electronic web pages to a user on a computer desktop, comprising:

a first browser component configured to download and display a first ~~electronic~~ web page to the user;

a second browser component configured to download and display a second ~~electronic~~ web page to the user;

a first software control configured to activate said first browser component and display said first ~~electronic~~-web page in a front position on said desktop, wherein said first software control deactivates and makes hidden said second browser component and said second ~~electronic~~-web page; and

a second software control configured to activate said second browser component and display said second ~~electronic~~-web page in a front position on said desktop, while deactivating and hiding said first browser component and said first ~~electronic~~-web page.

20 (previously presented) The electronic main page of Claim 19, wherein said first software control and said second software control are tab controls.

21. (currently amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein said first and second ~~electronic~~ web pages are downloaded substantially simultaneously.

22. (previously presented) The system of Claim 1, wherein said client computer comprises a queue for storing data that is to be communicated from said first browser component to said second browser component.

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23. (previously presented) The system of Claim 22, wherein said system is configured to read said data at predetermined time intervals.

24. (currently amended) An Internet browser program for displaying electronic ~~web~~ pages on a computer display, comprising:

a first browser component configured to display a first electronic ~~web~~ page;

a second browser component configured to display a second electronic ~~web~~ page;

a first tab control configured to display said first electronic ~~web~~ page and hide said second electronic ~~web~~ page; and

a second tab control configured to display said second electronic ~~web~~ page and hide said first electronic ~~web~~ page.

25. (previously presented) The program of Claim 24, wherein said program comprises an accounting program.

26. (previously presented) The program of Claim 24, wherein said internet browser program is configured to download said first electronic page and said second electronic page substantially simultaneously.

27. (previously presented) The program of Claim 24, wherein said first tab control is configured to move said first browser component to a front position on said computer display.

28. (previously presented) The program of Claim 24, wherein said second tab control is configured to move said second browser component to a front position on said computer display.